

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**  
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3. (Twice Amended) A consolidated material of coated powders each comprising a base particle having thereon plural coating films having a uniform thickness of 0.01 to 5  $\mu\text{m}$  per film in which at least any adjacent coating films are different in kind, wherein the coated powders are mutually adhered at the outermost coating film, the base particle comprises a glass, a metal, or a metal oxide, and the coating films are each a metal film or a metal oxide film, wherein the coated powders constituting the consolidated material are arranged at the same distance from one another in a given direction and are united into said consolidated material while maintaining the same distance in a given direction.